

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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FOSTER CARE RATES (FCR) LETTER: 02-01

TO: GROUP HOME PROVIDERS
FOSTER FAMILY AGENCY PROVIDERS
COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS
COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: INTERNET ACCESS TO RATE FORMS

We are pleased to announce that group home (GH) and foster family agency (FFA) providers now have internet access to the Foster Care Rates Bureau's (FCRB) GH and FFA rate forms. This addition will allow GH and FFA providers to have instant access, 24-hours per day, to the most current version of the rate forms.

These forms can be accessed via the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Website at the following address: <http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/cdssweb/default.htm>. From this page, click on "Getting Information", and then click on "Forms and Publications". Forms can be located easily by clicking on the appropriate letter of the form (i.e., to locate SR forms you can click on "S").

Also, the FCRB is in the process of developing a Website that will allow our providers instant access to the most commonly used documents and policies. Eventually this Website will include a full compliment of foster care rate information including ratesetting regulations, FCR letters, foster care audit letters, general GH and FFA application requirements, etc. When operational, the new Website will be accessible from the CDSS Website noted above.

This is yet another step in utilizing technology to provide enhanced services to our GH and FFA providers. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact your Foster Care Rates Consultant at (916) 263-0441.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

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